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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA TO HOST  
AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC WRESTLERS

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MISSOULA.....

A host of youthful wrestlers, representing the 24 states west of the Mississippi River, will converge on Missoula next week for the Western United States Junior Olympic Age Group Wrestling Championships.

All competition will take place at Adams Field House on the University of Montana campus, with freestyle action scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23, and Greco-Roman wrestling Sunday, June 24.

The meet is sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and sponsored by the Chevrolet Division of General Motors. All wrestlers who have placed in the top four in an association or regional championship and have a current AAU membership card are eligible for the event. The early registration deadline was June 9 and the deadline for late registrants is Saturday, June 16.

Competition will be conducted in four age groups, the Bantam Division, 8-year-olds and younger; the Midget Division, 9- and 10-year-olds; the Junior Division, 11- and 12-year-olds, and the Intermediate Division, 13- and 14-year-olds. Weight classifications range from 45 pounds to the heavyweight level (those over 190 pounds).

Individual awards will be given to the top four place winners in each weight class of the four divisions.

UM wrestling coach Jerry Downey, who, along with Ronan coach Dave Edington and Missoula Hellgate coach Lanny Bryant, is acting as Meet Director, said that he expects between 700 and 1,000 entrants for the meet. "We are expecting as many as 350 from Montana and groups of about 150 from Minnesota and California. The entry forms are rolling in this week and it looks like we'll have participants from most of the states," Downey said.

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"We are doing this with volunteer help and would like anyone interested in officiating or helping out to contact me," Downey stated.

Housing for 700 participants is available in student dorms on the UM campus. Assistant Director of Residence Halls Ron Brunell said that he had received 250 requests for reservations through Monday, June 11; and that he would like to be notified in advance by those planning to stay on campus.

An officials clinic June 21 will precede actual wrestling action. Freestyle competition will begin with the weigh-in activities at 7 a.m. June 22 and conclude with the championship finals and the awards presentations the following evening. All of the Greco-Roman competition will be conducted on June 24, beginning with the weigh-in at 7 that morning.

Further information may be received by calling Jerry Downey at the UM Athletic Department (243-5331) or at his home, 728-3668. Ron Brunell may be reached at 243-2611.